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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for coding a stream of input words using a channel code, the method

comprising the ~~steps~~ acts of:

precoding the stream of input words into a stream of precoded input words; and

coding the stream of precoded input words into a stream of groups of N code words;

~~characterized in that wherein a~~ combined running digital sum of each group of N adjacent code words equals zero.

2. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ N equals 2.

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3. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ after the step of coding the stream of precoded input words into a stream of groups of N code words the method comprises the step of storing the groups of N code words ~~using words using~~ a groove position modulation on a storage medium.

4. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ coding the precoded stream of input words is achieved using a parity preserving coder.

5. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ coding the precoded stream of input words is achieved using a parity inverting coder.

6. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim 4, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ the parity preserving coder is a 17PP coder.

7. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim

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6, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the stream of ~~M input input~~ words
is precoded using the following table:

In	Out
00	1010
01	0001
10	0111
11	0101
1010	00001000.

8. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ The method as claimed in claim
6, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the stream of ~~M of~~ input words is
precoded using the following table:

In		Out
00	->	-10 10
10	->	00 01
11	->	-01 11
01	->	01 01

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11 11 -> 00 00 10 00.

9. (Currently amended) Method ~~The method~~ as claimed in claim 7, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ before the ~~step~~ act of storing the groups of N code words in using the groove position modulation on the storage medium remaining DC components are removed using a high-pass filter.

10. (Currently amended) Apparatus ~~An apparatus~~ for storing data on a recording medium comprising an encoder which arranged for coding the stream of precoded input words into a stream of groups of N code words and comprising a precoder for coding the stream of input words into a stream of precoded input words, ~~characterised in that wherein~~ a combined running digital sum of each group of N adjacent code words equals zero.

11. (Currently amended) Apparatus ~~The apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ N equals 2.

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12. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the apparatus is arranged for storing the groups of N code words using a groove position modulation on a storage medium.

13. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the encoder is a parity preserving coder.

14. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 10, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the encoder is a parity inverting coder.

15. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 13, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the parity preserving coder is a 17PP coder.

16. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the precoder is operative to precode the stream of ~~M input~~ input words using the following

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table:

In	Out
00	1010
01	0001
10	0111
11	0101
1010	00001000.

17. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the precoder is operative to precode the stream of M ~~input~~ input words using the following table:

In		Out
00	->	-10 10
10	->	00 01
11	->	-01 11
01	->	01 01

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11 11 -> 00 00 10 00.

18. (Currently amended) ~~Apparatus~~ The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the apparatus is operative to remove remaining DC components using a high-pass filter before storing the groups of N code words using the groove position modulation on the storage medium.

19. (Currently amended) ~~Record~~ A record carrier comprising a stream of ~~M input~~ input words stored as a stream of groups of N code words,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein a combined running digital sum of each group of N adjacent code words equals zero.

20. (Currently amended) ~~Record~~ The record carrier as claimed in claim 19,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein N=2.

21. (Currently amended) ~~Record~~ The record carrier as claimed in claim 19,

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~~characterized in that wherein~~ the groups of N code words are stored using a groove position modulation.

22. (Currently amended) ~~Record~~ The record carrier as claimed in claim 19,

~~characterized in that wherein~~ the stream of ~~M input~~ input words is precoded using the following table:

In	Out
00	1010
01	0001
10	0111
11	0101
1010	00001000.

23. (Currently amended) ~~Record~~ The record carrier as claimed in claim 19,

~~characterized in that wherein~~ the stream of ~~M input~~ input words is precoded using the following table:

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In	Out
00	1010
10	0001
11	0111
01	0101
1111	00001000.

24. (Currently amended) ~~Method~~ A method for decoding a stream of N code words into a stream of M output words,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stream of M output words is postcoded using the following table:

In	Out
1010	00
0001	01
0111	10
0101	11
00001000	1010.

25. (Currently amended) Method for decoding a stream of N code

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words into a stream of M output words,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stream of M output words is
postcoded using the following table:

In	Out
1010	00
0001	10
0111	11
0101	01
00001000	1111 ₁